



## **CENTRAL REGION:**

### **Companions on the Way, Toronto**

We prepared our submission for the Council meeting on the Creative Ways we have responded to our Integral Ecology mission during this time. We often make Integral ecology part of our exams and sharing in our meetings. Our preparations for cluster meetings have reusable plates and cups, collecting of compostable food waste and recycling. Marilou and I calculated our carbon footprint for the National Assembly and offset it with donations to Guelph's Old Growth forest to offset it. One member has attended a number of webinars over the last month or so re the environment and has shared with the group concerning the issues and sent emails supporting environmental issues. We've spoken of the green spiritual exercises and several members would like to become more familiar with them. Several members are familiar with Louis Savary's New Spiritual Exercises. We plan to share on his principles at our next meeting. Our group has embraced Integral Ecology as our region's discerned mission and are actively working in our discerned ways. **Susan Rogers**

### **Faithful Companions of the Evening Star, Kitchener-Waterloo**

We are celebrating Laudato Si by

1. Mindful gardening -- As we planted our individual gardens, asking for God's blessing on their harvest of nourishment and beauty and feeling a sense of wholeness with creation.
2. Using Ignatius's third method of prayer as a way to give thanks for the beauties of the morning.
3. Following Seeds of Faith both to deepen our appreciation for God's great gifts and to discern our response to these gifts. **Mary Stevens**

### **Walk in the Light, Manitoulin Island**

1. We bought a GCCM Laudato Si Generation banner and hung it over the railing at the church rectory.. (Photo attached.) From Left to right: Rosemary Wakagejic, Cecilia Pitawankwat, Rosemary Pitawanakwat, Margaret Manitowabi(Tish), Robin Hill, Fr. Paul Robson ...all keeping COVID 19 distance.

We prayed a Novena called "Defend the Sacred" (4 remaining members could not be present)

2. We made a novena beginning May 22nd in anticipation of Pentecost, In support of Amazonian indigenous as well as U.S indigenous issues. [https://www.sistersofmercy.org/files/images/Justice/Earth/extractivism\\_Eng-2-pager.pdf](https://www.sistersofmercy.org/files/images/Justice/Earth/extractivism_Eng-2-pager.pdf)

We asked an Indigenous Sr. of St. Joseph in North Bay who incidentally grew up in Wilky , Priscilla Solomon, to write a piece with Canadian content.

Websites in Canada for Education on Integral Ecology and Protecting the Sacred Earth

- 1.) Global Catholic Climate Movement –Canada (GCCM Canada)
  - 2.) Faith and the Common Good <https://www.faithcommongood.org/>
  - 2.) RAVEN Trust: This is an Indigenous' Legal Defense Fund working to protect Indigenous Peoples constitutional rights. RAVEN stands for Respecting Aboriginal Values and Environmental Needs. RAVEN has charitable status in Canada. They also provide education on legal situations faced by Indigenous Peoples. They list six different cases on which they are working, including the Wet'suwet'en hereditary chiefs' protection of their territory, the Beaver Lake Cree Nations' court challenge re The Tar Sands and Babine Lake Nation's fight against a mine in order to protect the Skeena River and its fish, especially sockeye salmon. You can learn more about their work on their website. RAVEN website: <https://www.raventrust.com>
  - 3.) Kairos Canada
- Two of Kairos' areas of work are Indigenous Rights and Ecological Justice. Because Kairos has international partners in some of the justice work, they connect with Indigenous peoples in those countries.
- Kairos Canada: <https://www.kairoscanada.org> **Mary Balfe**

**Collected and submitted by Susan Rogers, Central Region Representative**

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2020

## **CLC Prairie Region-Council Meeting**

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**A few highlights from our meeting on a perfect summer evening**



### **LEADERSHIP TRANSITION TEAM**

Sharon A, Joyce, Marek, Fr. Charles, Ruth, are developing a communal discernment framework for Prairie members to consider how we can streamline and simplify our processes within CLC's national structure. Look for this around July 31st.

### **Formation**

General Council will be inviting Regional Formation teams to connect and collaborate on developing new groups and resources for national formation webinars.

CLC USA is hosting a formation webinar on July 8th at 7 PM CST. Facilitated by Lois Campbell, the webinar will focus on the Third Round in CLC meetings. More details to come from Michelle Mahoney. There are excellent formation videos on the CLC USA website.



*"On pilgrimage the temptation of the enemy lies in wanting to know already the whole of the journey so we can control it; consolation lies in the openness to take another small step in the direction we are shown."*

Apostolic Discernment  
Document for the Jesuits  
of Canada-2020

### Noteworthy

July 31st-Feast of St. Ignatius-virtual mass-5:30 PM CST

31 Days with Ignatius

<https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/31-days-with-saint-ignatius/>

'Waterside Reflections' - A refreshing hour sharing summer gifts and graces. Hosted by the Leadership Transition Team.

### Recently circulated

- Project 174
- Apostolic Discernment Document for the Jesuits of Canada
- National Evaluation Working Group-Rockies presentation

[https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/play/vpR8I-D9rG83E4DEswSDB6UtW9W7Jq2sh3Md\\_qdczB63UyNROgLzYuAbZLZ6y\\_izRw7m19dYJXz42n0R?autoplay=true&startTime=1591562597000](https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/play/vpR8I-D9rG83E4DEswSDB6UtW9W7Jq2sh3Md_qdczB63UyNROgLzYuAbZLZ6y_izRw7m19dYJXz42n0R?autoplay=true&startTime=1591562597000)

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**Submitted by Ruth Chipman, Prairie Region Regional Representative**



### ROCKIES REGION:

The Rockies/BC region didn't have any specific event in related to the celebration of Laudato Si' Week (May 16-24), but in our regional virtual meeting on May 2, we shared our experiences during the pandemic and how it has led to a greater awareness and a changing of our daily habits to care for our common home. We listened to Michelle's presentation and watched the inspiring [video from the World CLC](#). Members expressed their gratitude of the gift of community and felt the connectedness as One in a physical distanced world.

In responding to project 173, one of the St. Mark's CLC members, Maureen Wicken, wrote an article on her experience and observation on her students during the pandemic. Being an educator on the

“frontline” to support the youth, Maureen’s sharing provides an authentic insight on how young people “rise to whatever invitation we hold in front of them”. (Article included) On June 7, our region had another virtual meeting which is a continuation of our regional meeting in November 2019 with a focus on the National Assembly experience and writing team’s summary document. In this “Part two” meeting in June, Ruth, Jane and Leanne from the National Evaluation working group gave us an informative and well organized presentation based on 4 themes: the history of how the National Discerned Priorities came about; a review of the communal discernment experienced at the National Assembly; an observation on how some priorities are already being implemented and the role of the working group going forward. We felt grateful for all the hard work the NEWG has done.

After the presentation, we spent time to pray and listen to the Holy Spirit. We had rich spiritual conversations afterwards. Lynore McLean, the delegate of St. Mark’s CLC to the NA, took notes for us which will be very helpful for our further discernment. ([here is a link to the notes](#)) We started to identify and own the diverse gifts of each member in our region, and we will continue to discern how to share them for the common good.

### **Written and submitted by Janet Ho, CLC Rockies/BC Regional Representative**



Written by **Maureen Wicken** (a member of St. Mark’s CLC and a Secondary School teacher) on April 28, 2020. (CLC Rockies)

I just returned from a physically distanced birthday celebration for my son’s rowing coach in the parking lot of our school. Since I teach at the same school my son attends, I saw some of my students “IRL” (in real life) for the first time in over 6 weeks. They are a delightful group of 2020 grads who have travelled through my classroom and retreats for the past three years. A group of them came with me on a Faith in Action trip to Brownsville (in the olden days, when we could still travel). They are facing the grief and loss of this time with great grace, dignity and humour but I feel for them all the same.

Every week, I scale back on my expectations as work piles up in other classes. Today, we simply sat online and held someone in our hearts for a moment with gratitude. And that gratitude stayed with me as I read reflections from them like this: “Now I am dedicating a bit of time each day to prayer, but I find that with my thoughts more open, I am able to find God in my thoughts more often.”

Last Friday, my department was reflecting on what feelings and attitudes we wanted to see in our students when they emerge from this time. It was a moving time of sharing our love and concern for them and their spiritual well-being. And as I continue to hold them in prayer and reflection, I am struck by this truth about the young: they rise to whatever invitation we hold in front of them. May our invitation to know Jesus be authentic, motivated by love and acceptance, and deeply rooted in our own faith.